

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           Imageable articles comprising positive working polymeric coatings on substrates are  
 given a heat treatment as part of their manufacture, notably at a moderate temperature for an  
 extended period. This heat treatment improves the development characteristics of the coatings in  
 use. It has been found that by carrying out the heat treatment on articles wrapped in a  
 water-impermeable material or in a humidity-enhanced oven, development characteristics may be  
 10 further improved, especially adjacent to the edges of articles. The imageable articles include  
 precursors for lithographic printing plates and for printed circuits.

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